GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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COAL GASIFICATION PROJECTS BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a)whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. proposes to set up coal gasification projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the locations identified by the ONGC for setting up these projects ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. ONGC has signed Agreement of Collaboration with Skochinsky Institute of Mining (SIM), for implementation of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) in coal/lignite seams in India and also signed MOUs with coal/lignite companies of India, viz., Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (GMDC), Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (NLC), Gujarat Industries Power Company Ltd. (GIPCL), Coal India Ltd.(CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) for cooperation in the area of UCG. ONGC has also signed an MOU with M/s Shell India Ltd. for jointly developing Surface Coal Gasification project in the Southern part of India

(c) One site namely, Vastan Mine block in Surat district, Gujarat has been found suitable for UCG.